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# H. CON. RES. 283

Honoring the commitment of the individuals participating in the Free Our People March and Rally.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. SHIMKUS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the commitment of the individuals participating  
in the Free Our People March and Rally.

Whereas on September 4, 2003, 154 individuals with disabilities from across the Nation, many using wheelchairs and other mobility aids, began the Free Our People March at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, to be joined by an additional 55 individuals in Baltimore;

Whereas on September 17, 2003, the Free Our People March will reach Washington, D.C., where an expected 20,000 supporters will greet and join the marchers for a rally on Capitol Hill;

Whereas the goal of the Free Our People March is to call for Medicaid reform and full implementation of the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision;

Whereas ADAPT, a national grassroots disability rights group, organized the Free Our People March; and

Whereas the Free Our People March coincides with the 20th anniversary of the first ADAPT action: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3           (1) honors the 200 activists marching from  
4       Philadelphia to Washington, D.C., in the Free Our  
5       People March and the 20,000 supporters of the  
6       marchers for actively participating in change in  
7       Medicaid to more effectively meet the needs of peo-  
8       ple with disabilities;

9           (2) commends ADAPT for the group's dedica-  
10       tion, hard work, outreach, and organization in bring-  
11       ing people together for 20 years to work for equal  
12       opportunity and rights for individuals with disabil-  
13       ities; and

14          (3) commends the non-profit organizations and  
15       churches that have assisted in the Free Our People  
16       March by providing food and shelter.

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